Geometric Camera Models

Objective

"This chapter introduces the analytical machinery necessary to establish quantitative constraints between image measurements and the position and orientation of geometric figures measured in some arbitrary external coordinate system."

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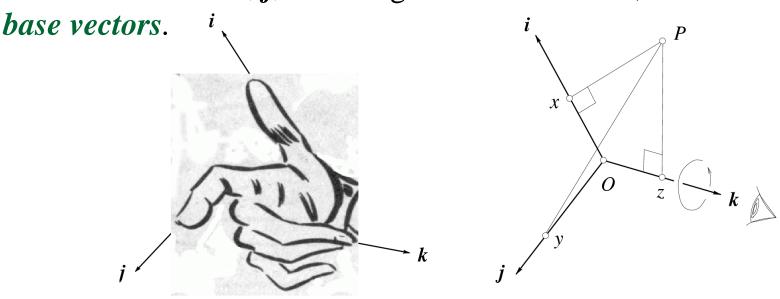
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Coordinate Systems

An *orthonormal coordinate frame* (F) is defined by

 \square a point O in the Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^3 called *origin*, and

 \neg three unit vectors i, j, k orthogonal to each other, called



right-handed coordinate system

Coordinate Systems

The *coordinates* x,y,z *of a point* P in the coordinate frame F is the signed lengths of the orthogonal projections of vector \overrightarrow{OP} onto the vectors i,j and k

$$\begin{cases} x = \overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \mathbf{i} \\ y = \overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \mathbf{j} \\ z = \overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \mathbf{k} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{OP} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$$

Coordinate Systems

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ is the } coordinate \ vector \ of \ the \ point \ P$$
 in the frame (F) .

The *coordinate vector associated with a free vector v* are the lengths of its projections onto the basis vector of (F), which is are (clearly) independent on the choice of the origin O.

Homogeneous Coordinates

Let Π be a plane, A a point in Π and n a perpendicular unitary vector to Π . Points lying on Π are characterized by

$$\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = 0$$

If
$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y, z)^T e \mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)^T$$
, then

$$\overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$
 or $ax + by + cz - d = 0$.

This can be rewritten as

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ -d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ are the } \boldsymbol{homogeneous coordinates of } \Pi \text{ and } P \text{ in } (F).$$

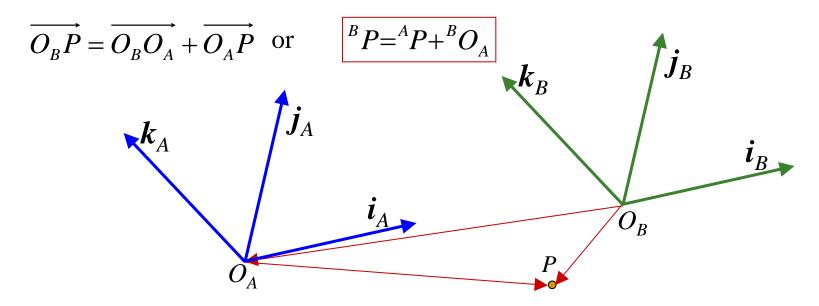
$$\Pi \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0$$
, where

Rigid Transformations

Pure Translation

Let AP and BP be the coordinate vectors of the point P respectively in coordinate systems $A = (O_A, i_A, j_A, k_A)$ and $B = (O_B, i_B, j_B, k_B)$.

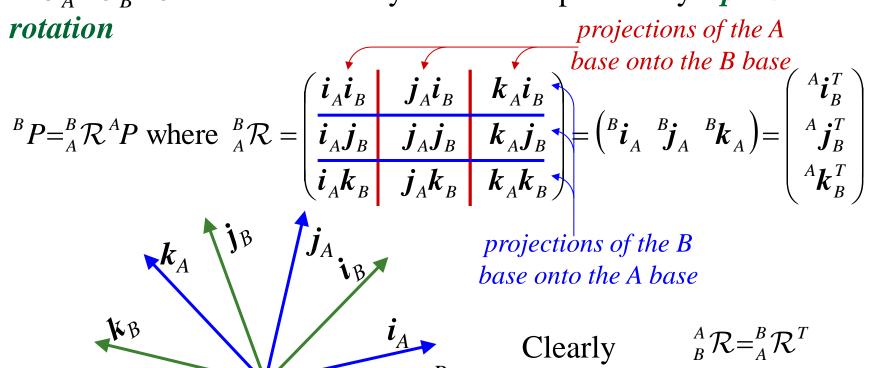
If the base vectors are parallel to each other, both coordinate systems are separated by a *pure translation*, and we have



Rigid Transformations

Pure Rotation

If $O_A = O_B = O$ the coordinate systems are separated by a *pure*



Rigid Transformations Pure Rotation

Let $k_A = k_B = k$ and θ_k the rotation angle

around
$$\mathbf{k}$$
 ${}_{A}^{B}\mathcal{R}$ $(\theta_{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{k} & \sin \theta_{k} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{k} & \cos \theta_{k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

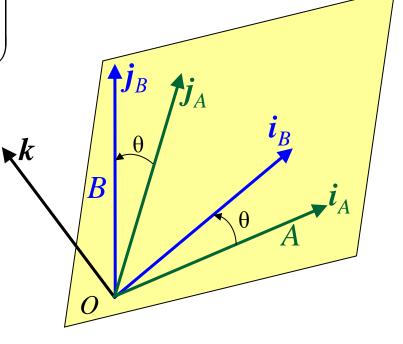
Similarly rotation

around
$$\boldsymbol{j}$$

$${}_{A}^{B}\mathcal{R}(\theta_{j}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{j} & 0 & \sin\theta_{j} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{j} & 0 & \cos\theta_{j} \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{k}$$

around
$$\mathbf{i}$$

$${}_{A}^{B}\mathcal{R}(\theta_{i}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{i} & \sin\theta_{i} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{i} & \cos\theta_{i} \end{pmatrix}$$



Rigid Transformations

Properties of Rotation

1. Rotation matrices admit an inverse

$$\mathcal{R}^{\text{-}l} = \mathcal{R}^T$$

2. Determinant is equal to 1

$$\|\mathcal{R}//=1$$

- 3. Rows and columns form an orthonormal base
- 4. Rotation matrices equipped with the matrix product form a group, that is, if \mathcal{R} , \mathcal{R}_1 an \mathcal{R}_2 are rotation matrices, then
 - □ The product of two rotation matrices ($\mathcal{R}_1 \mathcal{R}_2$) is also a rotation matrix
 - Matrix product is associative $(\mathcal{R}_1 \mathcal{R}_2) \mathcal{R}_3 = \mathcal{R}_1 (\mathcal{R}_2 \mathcal{R}_3)$
 - \Box there is an identity matrix Id such that \mathcal{R} Id = Id $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}$
 - \square $\mathcal{R}^{-1} = \mathcal{R}^T$, such that $\mathcal{R}^{-1}\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{R}^{-1} = \mathrm{Id}$

Rigid Transformations

 Frames with distinct origins and bases are separated by a rigid transformation if

$${}^{B}P = {}^{B}_{A}\mathcal{R}^{A}P + {}^{B}O_{A}$$
 alternatively, ${}^{B}P = {}^{B}_{A}\mathcal{R}^{A} - {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} = {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} = {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}O_{A} = {}^{B}O_{A} + {}^{B}$

So, if ${}^{A}P$ and ${}^{B}P$ are in homogeneous coordinates :

$${}^{B}P = {}^{B}_{A}\mathcal{T}^{A}P$$
 where ${}^{B}_{A}\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{B}_{A}\mathcal{R} & {}^{B}O_{A} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Rigid transformations map a coordinate system onto another one

$${}^{F}P' = \mathcal{R}^{F}P + t \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} {}^{F}P' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{R} & t \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{F}P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

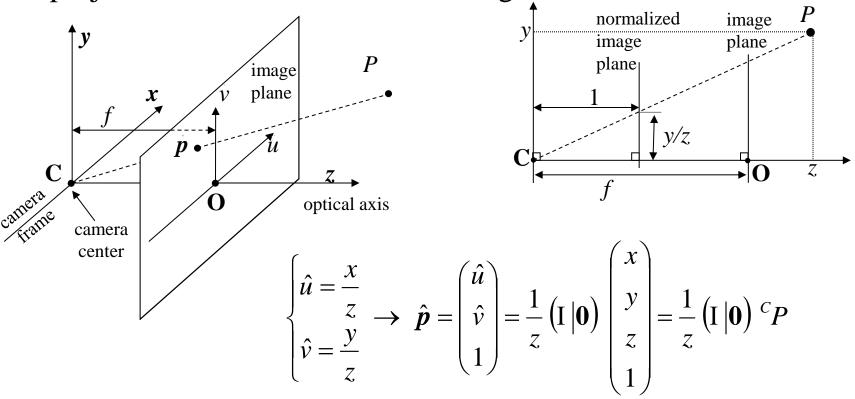
where \mathcal{R} is a rotation matrix and t is an element of \mathbb{R}^{3} .

Rigid transformations preserve distances and angles.

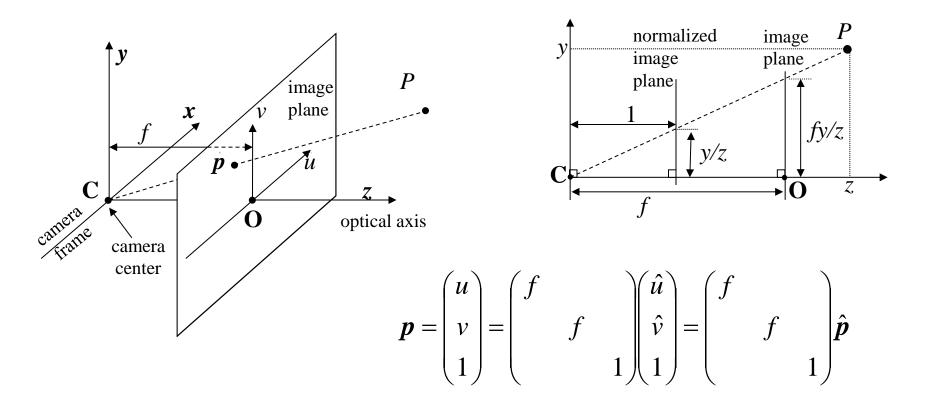
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Let ${}^{C}P = (x, y, z, I)^{T}$ be the homogeneous coordinates of a point P in the <u>camera frame</u> and $\hat{p} = (\hat{u}, \hat{v}, I)$ the coordinates of its projection onto the normalized image frame.



The coordinates p = (u, v, 1) of the projection of point P in the image plane is



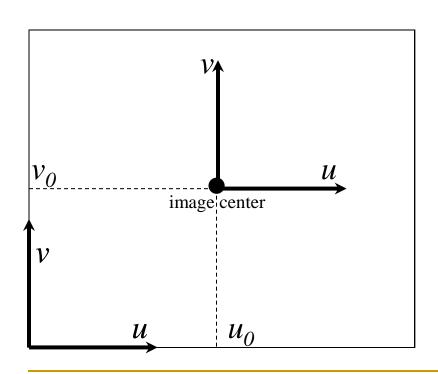
For p=(u,v,l) to be expressed in (row,column) coordinates, we have to consider the horizontal and vertical pixel dimensions, say 1/k and 1/l be, (in meter, for instance)

$$\begin{cases} u = kf \ \hat{u} \\ v = lf \ \hat{v} \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & & \\ & \beta & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}$$

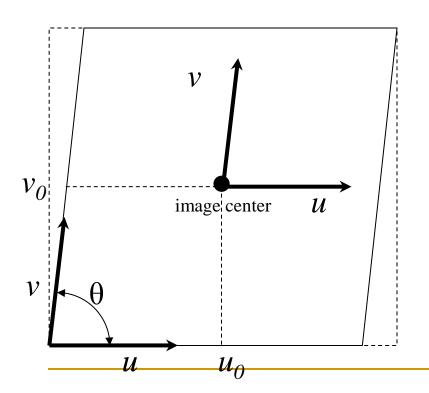
where $\alpha = kf$ and $\beta = lf$.

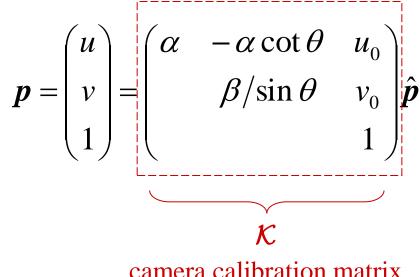
If the origin of the camera coordinate system is not at the center of the retina but at (u_0, v_0) .



$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & u_0 \\ \beta & v_0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}$$

If the sensor matrix is skewed by an angle θ different from 90°





camera calibration matrix

The calibration matrix or the matrix of intrinsic camera parameters

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathcal{K}\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{z} (\mathcal{K} \mathbf{0})^{C} \mathbf{P}$$
 where

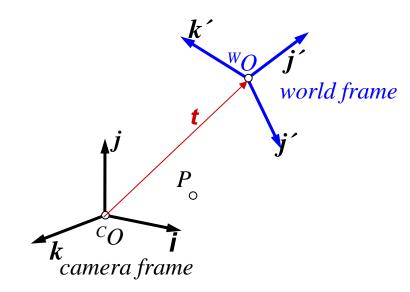
$$\mathbf{p} = \mathcal{K}\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{z}(\mathcal{K} \mathbf{0})^{C}\mathbf{P}$$
 where
$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & u_{0} \\ 0 & \beta / \sin \theta & v_{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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- the magnifications α and β (in pixels/m), or alternatively focus length f (in pixels) and τ aspect ratio,
- the skew angle θ or alternatively $\alpha \cot \theta$, and
- the position of the principal point u_0, v_0 (in pixels).

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$${}^{C}\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{C}_{W}\mathcal{R} & {}^{C}\boldsymbol{O}_{W} \\ \boldsymbol{0}^{T} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^{W}\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{C}_{W}\mathcal{R} & \boldsymbol{t} \\ \boldsymbol{0}^{T} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^{W}\boldsymbol{P}$$



There are 6 extrinsic parameters:

- \square 3 independent parameters of the rotation matrix $_W^C \mathcal{R}$ and
- 3 components of the translation vector *t*.

Perspective Projection

Combining the results of the two previous slides:

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \frac{1}{z} (\mathcal{K} \mathbf{0}) \begin{pmatrix} {}^{C}_{W} \mathcal{R} & \boldsymbol{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^{W} \boldsymbol{P} = \frac{1}{z} \mathcal{K} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{C}_{W} \mathcal{R} & \boldsymbol{t} \end{pmatrix} {}^{W} \boldsymbol{P}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{K} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{C}_{W} \mathcal{R} & t \end{pmatrix}$$

is the perspective projection matrix

Thus

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \frac{1}{z} \mathcal{M}^{W} \boldsymbol{P}$$

Perspective Projection Matrix

Let m_1^T , m_2^T , m_3^T denote the rows of \mathcal{M}

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \frac{1}{z} \mathcal{M}^{W} \boldsymbol{P} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{z} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{m}_{1} \cdot^{W} \boldsymbol{P} \\ \boldsymbol{m}_{2} \cdot^{W} \boldsymbol{P} \\ \boldsymbol{m}_{3} \cdot^{W} \boldsymbol{P} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore $z = m_3 \cdot {}^{W}P$ and

$$\begin{cases} u = \frac{\boldsymbol{m}_1 \cdot^W \boldsymbol{P}}{\boldsymbol{m}_3 \cdot^W \boldsymbol{P}} \\ v = \frac{\boldsymbol{m}_2 \cdot^W \boldsymbol{P}}{\boldsymbol{m}_3 \cdot^W \boldsymbol{P}} \end{cases}$$

(Eq. 2.16)

Perspective Projection Matrix

Writing the perspective projection matrix \mathcal{M} as a function of the camera parameters

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_{1}^{T} - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_{2}^{T} + u_{o} \mathbf{r}_{3}^{T} & \alpha t_{x} - \alpha \cot \theta t_{y} + u_{o} t_{z} \\ \frac{\beta}{\operatorname{sen} \theta} \mathbf{r}_{2}^{T} + v_{o} \mathbf{r}_{3}^{T} & \frac{\beta}{\operatorname{sen} \theta} t_{y} + v_{o} t_{z} \\ \mathbf{r}_{3}^{T} & t_{z} \end{pmatrix}$$
(Eq.2.17)

where \mathbf{r}_1^T , \mathbf{r}_2^T , \mathbf{r}_3^T are the rows of ${}^{C}_{W}\mathcal{R}_{-}$.

Characterization of the Perspective Projection Matrix

Theorem: Let $\mathcal{M}=(\mathcal{A}\,\boldsymbol{b})$ be a 3×4, matrix and let \boldsymbol{a}_i^T (i=1,2,3) denote the rows of the matrix \mathcal{A} formed by the leftmost columns of \mathcal{M} .

- A necessary and sufficient condition for \mathcal{M} to be a perspective projection matrix is that $\det(\mathcal{A})\neq 0$
- A necessary and sufficient condition for \mathcal{M} to be a zero-skew perspective projection matrix is that $\det(\mathcal{A})\neq 0$ and

$$(\boldsymbol{a}_1 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) \cdot (\boldsymbol{a}_2 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) = 0$$

A necessary and sufficient condition for \mathcal{M} to be a perspective projection matrix with zero-skew and unit aspect ratio is that $\text{Det}(\mathcal{A})\neq 0$ and

$$(\boldsymbol{a}_1 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) \cdot (\boldsymbol{a}_2 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) = 0 \text{ e}$$

 $(\boldsymbol{a}_1 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) \cdot (\boldsymbol{a}_1 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) = (\boldsymbol{a}_2 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3) \cdot (\boldsymbol{a}_2 \times \boldsymbol{a}_3)$

Camera Anatomy

1. The vector *t* is the origin of the camera frame *O* expressed in the world frame.

In non-homogeneous coordinates

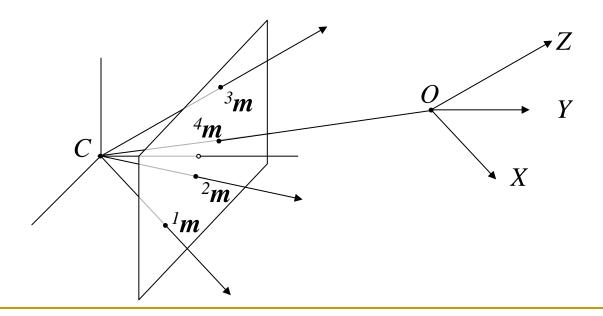
$$\mathbf{0} = \mathcal{R}^{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{t} \longrightarrow \mathbf{t} = -\mathcal{R}^{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{C}$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{K} \quad (\mathcal{R} \quad t) = \mathcal{K} \quad (\mathcal{R} \quad -\mathcal{R}^{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{C})$$

Camera Anatomy

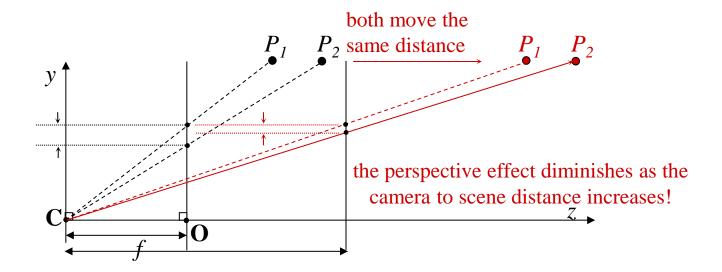
2. If ${}^{i}m$ is the i-th column of $\mathcal{M}=({}^{1}m {}^{2}m {}^{3}m {}^{4}m)$, then ${}^{1}m$, ${}^{2}m$ and ${}^{3}m$ are the vanishing points of the world coordinate X, Y and Z axes respectively and ${}^{4}m$ is the image of the world origin. Why?



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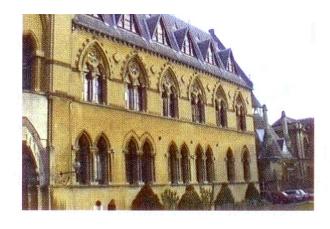
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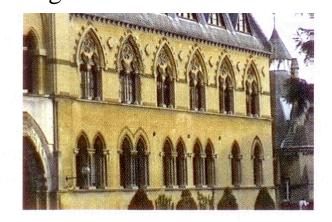
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increasing distance from cameraincreasing focal length





Recall that for **projective** cameras

$$\begin{cases} \hat{u} = x \\ \hat{v} = y \end{cases} \rightarrow \hat{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{z} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In **affine** cameras the projection on the normalized image plane is assumed to be parallel to the z axis,

$$\begin{cases} \hat{u} = x \\ \hat{v} = y \end{cases} \rightarrow \hat{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The **orthographic** camera is an affine camera whose calibration matrix has $\alpha=\beta=1$, $\theta=90^{\circ}$ and $u_0=v_0=0$, or equivalently, $\mathcal{K}=I$. Thus

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For a **general orthographic** the orthographic projection is preceded by a 3D Euclidian coordinate change

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{R} & \boldsymbol{t} \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{x} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \\ \boldsymbol{z} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{x} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \\ \boldsymbol{z} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where r_1^T and r_2^T are the first and second rows of \mathcal{R} t_x and t_y are the first and second components of t \rightarrow five degrees of freedom.

A scaled orthographic camera is an orthographic camera followed by isotropic scaling. It is an affine camera whose calibration matrix has $\alpha=\beta\neq 1$, $\theta=90^{\circ}$ and $u_0=v_0=0$. Thus

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & \alpha t_x \\ \alpha \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & \alpha t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 \rightarrow six degrees of freedom.

A weak perspective camera is an orthographic camera followed by anisotropic scaling. It is an affine camera whose calibration matrix has $\alpha \neq \beta$, $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ and $u_0 = v_0 = 0$. Thus

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & \alpha t_x \\ \beta \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & \beta t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0}^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 \rightarrow seven degrees of freedom.

A **general affine** camera is an orthographic camera with a general matrix of intrinsic parameters $(u_0=v_0=0)$

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & 0 \\ & \beta/\sin \theta & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \boldsymbol{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \boldsymbol{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}$$

→ eight degrees of freedom.

Summary of affine mappings

$$p = \mathcal{M}^{W} P$$
, where

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \mathbf{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

orthographic - 5 dof

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T & \alpha t_x \\ \beta \mathbf{r}_2^T & \beta t_y \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

weak-perspective - 7 dof

$$\mathcal{M} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \mathbf{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \mathbf{0} & 1/\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

scaled orthographic – 6 dof

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & 0 \\ & \beta / \sin \theta & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^T & t_x \\ \mathbf{r}_2^T & t_y \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

general affine - 8 dof

Note that in all cases the 3rd row is $=(0\ 0\ 0\ 1)!$

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